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SUBJ: US/JAPAN CONSULTATIONS -- FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT

1. PRIME MINISTER MIKI INVITED AMBASSADOR TO LUNCH AT OFFICIAL RESIDENCE SEPT 4 TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST MONTH. AMONG MATTERS WHICH CAME UP IN COURSE OF RELAXED LUNCHEON CONVESATION, PRIME MINISTER REFFERD TO HIS CONVICTION, DISCUSSED THOROUGHLY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER U S LEADERS IN WASHINGTON, THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS MUST SEEK TO EXPAND AND DEEPEN CONSULTATIVE CONTACTS OF PERSONAL KIND BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICAN LEADERRS. HE PLACED THE HIGHEST VALUE ON THE PERSONAL RAPPORT HE FELT WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND REFERRED TO THE EXTREMELY VALUABLE VISIT LAST WEEK OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, WHO HAD AN EXTENDED AND HIGHLY USEFUL DISCUSSION WITH HIS COUNTERPART, MINISTER SAKATA. HE SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH OF THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE THIS PATTERN OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE CABINET OFFICIALS.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT, PRIME MINISTER REFERRED TO NORTH-COMING VISIT TO U S OF FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA FOR PRIMARY PURPOSE OF ATTENDING UNGA. PRIME MINISTER SPOKE OF MIYAZAWA'S PLAN TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND CHARACTERIZED THAT PROSPECTIVE MEETING AS THE FIRST IN THE NEWLY AGREED TO PRIODIC MEETINGS OF FOREIGN
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MINISTERS. FORTHCOMING CONTACT WITH SECRETARY THEREFORE

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